

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 7, replace the paragraph starting at line 10 with the following:

- Figure. 1. Amino acid sequence of Mouse (Mo) and Human (Hu) melusins as deduced from the corresponding cDNAs (murine GenBank AF140691, SEQ ID NO: 1; human GenBank AF140690, SEQ ID NO: 2). Underlined are the cysteine and histidine rich domains (continuous) and the carboxy terminal ~~carb~~ossiterminal-acidic domain (dotted). Putative binding sites for SH2 and SH3 domains are indicated in bold. The integrin- binding region is boxed. Vertical bars indicate identical amino acids between mouse and human molecules, while double dots are conserved residues. (Brancaccio et al. 1999).